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RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OKANOGAN COUNTY

JUNE 12, 2018

9:00 AM Commissioners' Staff Meeting
~~10:00 AM Update Human Resources / Risk Management Tanya Craig and/or Debi Hilts~~
~~10:30 AM Update Auditor Laurie Thomas~~
11:00 AM Cancelled Update Public Works Josh Thomson & Ben Rough
11:00 AM Discussion – Solid Waste Program – Colville Confederated Tribe – Lucy F. Covington Government Center, 21 Colville St. Nespelem, Wa.
1:30 PM ~~Cancelled Citizens Comment Period~~
1:30 PM Board of Health – 1234 S. 2nd Ave, Okanogan
3:00 PM Public Hearing – Supplemental Appropriation – Public Works
3:15 PM Discussion – Oroville Rural EMS Levy – Assessor Scott Furman
4:00 PM Discussion – Dept. of Transportation Projects – Kelvin Dortha
5:00 PM Approve Consent Agenda

23 The Okanogan County Board of Commissioners' met for its regular session on June 12, 2018,
24 with, Commissioner Chris Branch, Commissioner Andy Hover, and Laleña Johns, Clerk of the
25 Board, present.

26 Chairman Commissioner Jim DeTro was absent.

27 Member of the public George Thornton and Robert Fuchs are taking notes.

28 **Commissioners' Staff Meeting**

29 Dan Higbee, Perry Huston, Debi Hilts, Stella Columbia

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31 Building Official Dan Higbee stated the City of Pateros has asked the county building official to
32 fill in while their building official is out. Mr. Higbee isn't sure a contract would be necessary as
33 the work entails just inspections, but he said could be plan review too. Commissioner Hover
34 said if his office can cover it an agreement should be the mechanism to outline the expectations.
35 Mr. Higbee stated in the past an agreement took several months to be approved and by then
36 the City's would be back to work. A template agreement was suggested by Director Huston that
37 would work.

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39 David Gecas explained his conversation with another county and said they have two people
40 armed at 30 hours per week that way there would always be coverage. He has a contract
41 template from Douglas County for reference. The company was contacted and their contract
42 template requested which would be modified slightly for our needs. Insurance requirements
43 were discussed which the company would need. He spoke to Mr. Rabidou about designating an
44 entrance, and there are pros and cons to each.

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46 Commissioner Hover thought the recently received DHAP grant application could be used to
47 address the safety portion of courthouse security issue. The Clerk of the Board reminded the
48 Board that DAHP projects require consistency with their historic preservation goals and
49 sometimes project costs are overrun trying to meet DAHP requirements.

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51 Joe Poulin updated the board. Two current maintenance workers applied for correction positions
52 and were accepted. Their last day is June 26. Two new maintenance workers will be needed
53 ASAP to fill the positions. Ms. Hilts will get the positions advertised. The temp worker hired last
54 week for fairgrounds is working out well so far. Leaks found as a result of valve repairs are still
55 being found and repaired. The water is very sandy. A mini excavator was rented for making the
56 repairs. Additional sprinkler heads are needed for the hand lines, and Mr. Poulin will purchase
57 more of the low flow ones to make a couple more lines. A compressor broke on the VG building
58 that serves the Planning offices and the bid to replace it is about \$1900.

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60 Mr. Hilts stated interviews for the two temp positions happened last week, with one applicant
61 being under 18. He can do all the basic maintenance tools without running the larger equipment.
62 She asked the commissioners' whether additional temp positions would be hired for the
63 fairgrounds. Commissioner Hover requested whether one permanent maintenance worker and
64 one temp worker were enough. Mr. Poulin explained it will be necessary to hire additional
65 workers for the fair. Director Huston explained the additional people hired for the fair.

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67 Stella Columbia explained her thought on hiring an AmeriCorps volunteer. Some of those
68 worker expenses are paid for by AmeriCorps with only a small portion stipend being covered by
69 the county. She worked with AmeriCorps workers before and has a contact name out of
70 Wenatchee. Commissioners' would like her to look into the AmeriCorps details. These type of
71 workers have objectives to learn.

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73 Ms. Hilts discussed a resolution to be considered by commissioners' for approval which
74 authorizes a temp maintenance worker under fairgrounds but commissioners' would like the
75 maintenance workers to fall under maintenance budget.

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77 Stella Columbia asked if she should take Omak Stampede camping reservations.
78 Commissioners' believe we should take reservations for that event. She asked about advertising
79 the RV Park via banners or billboard. Commissioners' were in favor of looking into it i.e. our own
80 sign or purchasing billboard space. She said the FAC are looking into a sign but not sure if they
81 are looking into the permitting on Hwy 97. DOT will need to be contacted. She also said that
82 fence space can be sold to advertisers. If horse stalls are rented can the renter ride their horse
83 on the fairgrounds as part of their stall fee? They do not wish to pay for the whole day.
84 Commissioner Hover said that rate might be included on the hourly fee schedule. She would
85 need to charge for use of the arena as well as a liability waiver. Director Huston stated he would
86 draft a resolution to consider adopting hourly fee schedule for the various rentable areas of the
87 fairgrounds.

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89 Ms. Columbia explained she is spending a lot of time processing the animal tagging and
90 camping reservations for the fair. She has much more to complete and she cannot find where
91 the camping contract templates are. She would like to do a press release to notify the public
92 about the grant and its uses.

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94 Director Huston will call James DeSalvo about title insurance for the trail or whether additional
95 policy is necessary. The question of the previous board was that the county not incur any hard
96 costs is that the position this board is also taking.

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98 **Cancelled Update – Human Resources / Risk Management – Tanya Craig**

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100 **Cancelled Update – Auditor – Laurie Thomas**

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102 **Cancelled - Update – Public Works – Josh Thomson & Ben Rough**

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104 **Discussion – Solid Waste Program – Colville Confederated Tribe – Lucy F. Covington**
105 **Government Center, 21 Colville St. Nespelem, WA.**

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107 Commissioner Hover, Commissioner Branch, Ben Rough, Kent Kovalenko, and Clerk of the
108 Board. Various Tribal Council members.

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110 The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the county's solid waste program and proposed
111 tipping fee increase. Commissioner Branch thanked the council for their time. He explained the
112 County's Solid Waste program is an enterprise fund which supports itself through revenue
113 collected from fees. Both the County and the Tribe is concerned about illegal dumping. It is a
114 public health issue as well as a visual concern. The Council does not see the fee being applied
115 equally or without consideration that the tribe hauls and pays for their waste 100%. The Tribe
116 does not charge a tipping fee to cover their cost. Tribal Council Chairman Marchand noted since
117 the reservation is part of Okanogan County, the county should consider managing their fees
118 accordingly. Ben Rough provided the fee proposal to the council members. He explained the
119 details of the issue will likely need additional time to discuss. The fees are applied to everyone
120 who uses the landfill. The Tribe thought it was possible the increase would not be affordable
121 and citizens who would be compelled to dump illegally, and that is already a big problem. The
122 Tribe is also concerned about the County's landfill filling up. What is the process for opening up
123 another cell, what is the life expectancy of the current landfill? The Tribe would feel better
124 lobbying for something that will last awhile rather than lobbying for something that is used up.
125 The Tribe would like to work on this issue with the county. The Tribe covers HUD housing
126 project, Diestel, Malott, Elmer City, Coulee Dam, Monse, Brewster, and Nespelem.

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128 Enforcements were discussed as the county does not have jurisdiction on the reservation. The
129 Tribe explained their desire to clean up areas on the reservation that are unsightly and
130 unhealthy due to illegal dumping. They already started cleaning areas up due to the river
131 flooding. The amount of garbage generated will be tremendous and with the proposed increase
132 in tipping fees, the cleanup will be much more difficult to accomplish, especially since the Tribe
133 hauls and pays for the waste 100%. Commissioner Branch explained the County recently
134 approved a resolution to waive all the tipping fees for garbage hauled off the Salmon Creek
135 property that was a huge illegal dumpsite. The Tribe purchased the property in order to clean it
136 up for improved fish habitat.

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138 Appointment process and eligibility requirements for the SWAC were discussed. The Tribal
139 Council felt an alternate position would not provide the level of representation as a full member
140 would. It is very important to the Tribe that it is represented on the SWAC. Right now, they do
141 not feel an alternate position holds the same authority as a full board member because the
142 alternate would not have a voice at the table at every meeting. Mr. Rough explained the
143 authority vested in the alternate positions and how they would have a voice at the table and be
144 able to vote.

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146 Commissioner Hover recapped the main issues. Keeping communities clean and Tipping Fees.
147 Another meeting will be needed to develop an MOU regarding these issues. He felt good about

148 the two agencies getting closer to understanding each other. In closing, Tribal Council Chairman
149 Marchand said many issues were touched on today. The reservation consists of around 1.4
150 million acres. They are reevaluating their solid waste responsibilities, and assessing their
151 service areas. He hopes the county will consider another meeting to discuss the issues in more
152 detail to collaborate on solutions.

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154 In closing, Tribal Council member Leonard said, the Tribe invests heavily into the valley and
155 plans to build a \$20 million dollar new clinic and community center with an Olympic size
156 swimming pool. They are introducing salmon back into the tributaries and are committed to
157 those investments. This is about people not just money. The Tribe is asking for a seat on the
158 SWAC to enhance the relationships between the communities and develop the necessary
159 cooperation to be successful in these endeavors. We need to get past the idea we are on
160 separate sides and increase the confidence in each other. He commented that he was
161 impressed with the Emergency Operations Center and their efforts to keep people safe on both
162 sides of the river.

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164 Communication/cooperation between the agencies will be critical to funding of projects and
165 could bump us up on grant opportunities. Together, we may make it to the top of the funding
166 lists for federal funding which makes it more possible to improve our communities.

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168 **Cancelled Citizens Comment Period**

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170 **Board of Health – 1234 S. 2nd Ave, Okanogan**
171 Commissioners' attended the public health meeting.

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173 **Public Hearing – Supplemental Appropriation – Public Works**
174 Josh Thomson, members of the public George Thornton, Bob Fuchs

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176 Commissioner Branch opened the hearing up to staff report.

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178 Engineer Thomson explained the amount for Road fund was for the Peter Dan Road repairs
179 project and the other was for the Conconully Sewer Fund.

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181 Conconully Sewer project budget was set but did not budget for this project. The ending fund
182 balance was used and the least expensive option was worked out with the town. There was
183 sufficient funding in the ending fund balance.

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185 The Peter Dan slide project required that more slide area be removed and the department
186 agreed to pay for the extra expense though the Washington state department of transportation.
187 Commissioners' Branch closed the hearing to staff and asked for public comment. No one
188 wished to comment, commissioner branch closed to public.

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190 **Motion 64-2018 Supplemental Appropriation Public Works**

191 Motion Resolution 64-2018 Supplemental Appropriation Public Works Fund 407&102
192 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the resolution 64-2018 a budget supplemental in the
193 amount of \$33,000 within fund 407 and fund 102 of \$873,000. Motion was seconded, all were in
194 favor, motion carried.

195 Engineer Thomson provided information regarding Sinlahekin Road and with the washout being
196 significant and it doesn't sound like it is eligible for FEMA funding. He met with WDFW and they
197 were going to try and find funding. Another option is the CRAB board for RATA funds but it also
198 decreases our award for other projects later on. If there isn't another way to fund it, we have

199 been successful in getting additional funding if costs in the end are higher. It is a very popular
200 hunting route to Loomis, Loomis is really hurting economically due to the road being unusable.
201 The area of the washout was viewed on Google maps. Commissioner Hover asked Engineer
202 Thomson to inquire of the Tribe whether there is any help they can provide. He will explore the
203 options prior to applying for the RATA Funds with CRAB.

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205 **Discussion – Oroville Rural EMS Levy – Assessor Scott Furman**

206 Dee Wood, Larry Gilman

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208 The commissioners' asked the Assessor's office to come discuss the Oroville EMS district levy
209 calculations to discuss the capacity of the district for levy increase to cover the contract with Life
210 Line.

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212 Dee Wood explained a lid lift of \$.50 which is the maximum. It doesn't affect neighboring
213 districts by pro ration. Commissioner Hover did not wish to have a big levy shift happen if the
214 board put forth an issue to increase the levy collection and have it shifted to the tax payer.

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216 If we increase the levy, the revenue generated by the levy fluctuates like the value of the
217 properties. Assessor explained a lid lift and how that established a new starting point. It would
218 reset the dollars to be collected.

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220 Commissioner Hover asked is Loomis covered by an EMS district,? He believes everyone
221 should be part of a fire and EMS district. He heard in Bridgeport they created a utility for outside
222 the EMS district, he doesn't have the info in front of him. If a lid lift of \$.30 on \$1000 and
223 somehow the district gets larger, does the amount people pay get smaller. Assessor Furman
224 explained, yes it does, and discussed how that is calculated. Commissioner Hover asked if the
225 amount collected went up to \$20,00 then the district gets larger and the \$.30 goes into the
226 district the first year, then the rate drops to collect from the whole. To stay status quo we need
227 to collect additional \$20,000 to maintain.

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229 Commissioner Hover requested a map that shows all the EMS district boundaries and
230 requested analysis of what the \$.30 and \$.50 levy would look like.

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232 **Motion 63-2018 Creating Temp Maintenance Position Under fund 0100.009**

233 Commissioner Hover moved to approve resolution 63-2018 authorizing a temp maintenance
234 position for fairgrounds under maintenance budget and authorized the position to be filled.
235 Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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237 **Motion 61-2018 Creating Temp Clerk Position under fund 001.028 for Fairgrounds.**

238 Commissioner Hover moved to pull the resolution 61-2018 from the consent agenda and
239 approve it for the creation of a Temp Clerk position for the Fairgrounds and authorized the
240 position to be filled. Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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251 **Discussion – Dept. of Transportation Projects – Kelvin Dortha**
252 Mr. Dortha provided project information on DOT projects near Brewster. He explained the
253 project area and plans to restripe US 97 south of Brewster and will include a two way left turn
254 lane. Collision history was discussed and Brewster Grange road crashes due to left hand turns
255 have generated the need for these changes. Brewster Grange road is a county road so DOT
256 wanted to discuss their plans with many indications of “close calls”. The speed limit will also be
257 considered as it is currently 60 mph.

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259 Changes in the DOT strategies now include coordination with other agencies on DOT projects
260 to ensure they are providing the right fix and being engaged. The City of Brewster was engaged
261 and in favor of the changes. The department would first like to look at the speed limit to make
262 sure it is serving the situation appropriately before making a recommendation to change it.

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264 **Approve Consent Agenda**

265 Commissioner Hover moved to approve the consent agenda items excluding items #4, 5, 6, & 8.
266 Motion was seconded, all were in favor, motion carried.

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268 1. Commissioners’ Proceedings June 4 & 5, 2018
269 2. Reimbursement – CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant – Request #12 – Community
270 Action Council
271 3. Reimbursement – CDBG Public Services Grant – Request #9 – Community Action
272 Council
273 4. ~~Letter – Re-appointment LEOFF Board – Kreg Sloan~~
274 5. ~~Letter – Re-appointment LEOFF Board – Kevin Bowling~~
275 6. ~~Audit Engagement Letter – 2017 – Office of the State Auditor – Pat McCarthy~~
276 7. Resolution 60-2018 Granting Signing Authority – Fairgrounds Event Coordinator
277 8. ~~Resolution 61-2018 Creating Temporary Fairgrounds Staff positions for Maintenance
278 and Office Clerk~~

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280 The board adjourned at 5:00 pm.
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